Check off facilities to Trade Unions of Syndicate Bank

260. SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2744 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16th August, 1994 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Syndicate Bank has extended the check off facility to all the Trade Unions working in the Bank irrespective of that they are recognised or not;

(b) whether it is a fact that check off facility have been extended to one SC/ST organisation only whereas there are two SC/ST organisations in the Syndicate Bank;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Syndicate Bank will extend check off facility to All India Syndicate Bank SC/ST Employees Welfare Association (Regd.); and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Syndicate Bank has reported that on the specific request of Syndicate Bank SC/ST Employees Association, which claims majority following of SC/ST Employees of the Bank, it has been decided to extend the check-off facility to this Association w.e.f. 1.4.95. The request of another Association named as 'All India Syndicate Bank SC/ST Employees Welfare Association' for extension of similar check-off facility has not been acceeded to by the bank for the present. The bank will consider the claim of the other Association for extension of the facility of check off if the claim of the first Association having maoirity following is proved to the contrary.

World Bank Assistance to States

261. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank will be providing assistance to States which are willing to reform, improve fiscal discipline and sharply reduce subsidies;

(b) whether World Bank lending will also depend on the quality of projects; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the stand taken by Government on the proposed conditionalities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) There have been some discussions with the Bank regarding Possible structural adjustment loans to State Governments. These loans are intended to be non-project tied and to provide quick disbursing resources to State Governments in support of State level reforms. The loans would be made by the World Bank to Government of India and they would then be passed on to the States as 100% additionality in the form of additional central assistance.

Rate of Inflation

262. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of inflation, on weekly basis, during the last three months;

(b) how these compare with the same period of 1993-94;

(c) what are the reasons for rise in prices after September, 1994; and

(d) the steps taken to check rise in prices?